Sheriff's office busy with rural burglaries

By Matt Heilman

Over a two-week span in January, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office responded to 11 burglary cases, including five in a three-day stretch from Jan. 14 to Jan. 16. Of that number, five were reported in rural north Sedgwick County with a sixth reported to Park City police in the city.

Sedgwick County sheriff's Capt. Greg Pollack said the number of burglary reports is consistent with last year's mark at this time. What's disturbing, he said, is that criminals seem to be narrowing their focus on where to break into properties.

Last year at this time, he said home break-ins were more sporadic.

"What we're seeing different is they're hitting homes in the same area," Pollack said. "It's very specific."

One of the areas recently targeted is about 15 miles northeast of Valley Center. On Jan. 16, two burglaries were reported between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., less than two miles from each other.

The first report was in the 11000 block of North Rock Road. Pollack said someone forced their way into a home and stole about \$10,000 worth of electronics and jewelry. The second report was in the 5300 block of East 125th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, where there was forced entry and jewelry and miscellaneous weapons stolen.

While the investigation of

the two burglaries is ongoing, Pollack said it's safe to assume they're related due to the close proximity in distance and the time frame the breakins occurred.

Also on Jan. 16, a Park City resident in the 6000 block of Hartford reported a thief broke into a home through a door at the back of the residence and left with a jewelry box, a TV and \$55 in cash.

Another Park City resi-

dence was broken into sometime between Jan. 18 and Jan. 20 in the 1100 block of East 61st North. The calling party reported someone breaking into his home through the front door and taking a safe along with antique coins, money, a Social Security card, birth certificates and other

miscellaneous documents.

On Jan. 12, a few miles south of the two Jan. 16 burglaries northeast of Valley Center, in the 1500 block of East 77th North, there was a report of thieves breaking into a detached building, taking about \$2,300 worth of tools and other miscellaneous items.

Farther west, a home just west of Valley Center in the 7400 block of North Hoover was broken into some time between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Jan. 14. Pollack said about \$2,000 worth of miscellaneous electronics was stolen.

Rural Sedgwick County residents were also on alert shortly after the New Year in Sunnydale. On the evening of Jan. 4, Kechi Police Officer Jesse Clifton responded to a suspicious character call in the 1200 block of East Sunnydale Lake Circle. She confronted a man and a woman who advised they were having car trouble. During her investigation, Clifton found drug paraphernalia and property stolen out of Emporia. The man and the woman, a couple in their early to mid 20s from Emporia, were arrested.

Kechi Police Chief John Blevins said the arrests cleared at least seven cases of theft reported to the Emporia Police Department and possibly as many as 16.

Homes and vehicles aren't the only targets for criminals, authorities say. On Jan. 16, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office sent out a news release alerting the public of an increase in copper wire thefts in rural northwest Sedgwick County. Authorities say criminals are targeting irrigation pivots and stripping the copper wire to sell as scrap metal.

The news release says, "As of Jan. 16, there had been at least six confirmed thefts to irrigation pivots resulting in more than \$18,000 in damage and a loss of copper in excess of \$15,000. Citizens living or traveling in these areas are asked to call 911 if they see any suspicious activity in any area, especially near the irrigation systems."

Anyone with information about the copper thefts is asked to call the sheriff's office at 660-5300 or CrimeStoppers at 267-2111.

POLICE REPORTS

Jan. 22 — Officer McCaslin took a report in the 4400 block of North Janesville. A resident said a person identifying himself as a representative of Microsoft said the resident's computer had a virus. The resident said to call back when her husband returned. The caller called back and told the husband to follow his directions on the computer. The husband told the caller he did what he was told, but he didn't. He then hung up the phone. The caller ID showed numbers from out of the country.

Jan. 22 — Officers stopped a vehicle for a defective tag lamp in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for defective tag lamp and no driver's license in possession.

Jan. 22 — Officer Wallender assisted highway patrol with a vehicle traveling on the wrong side of the road

Jan. 21 — Officer Hutton took a report of larceny in the 4500 block of North Eagle Lake. A vehicle had been broken into but nothing was taken

broken into but nothing was taken.

Jan. 21 — Officer Hutton took a report of larceny in the 4000 block of North Danbury. An iPod Touch, change and an audio cable were taken from

an unlocked vehicle. **Jan. 21** — Officer Swanson responded to a domestic disturbance in the 4200 block of North Country Lane. The incident occurred in Wichita be-

tween two roommates over property. **Jan. 21** — Officer Mavia took a report of larceny in the 4000 block of North Auburn. Coins were taken from

an unlocked vehicle. **Jan. 21** — Officer Steele spoke to two people riding a bicycle without lights in the 4300 block of North

Edgemoor.

Jan. 21 — Officer Steele took a report of larceny in the 6700 block of East 45th North. A window of a vehicle was broken. A purse with immuniza-

tion documents was taken.

Jan. 20 — Officer Mavia took a report of a trash dump in the 6500 block of East 44th North. A two-drawer computer desk was found in the driveway of a residence.

of a residence. **Jan. 20** — Officer Steele found an unoccupied vehicle parked at Eagle

Lake Park.

Jan. 19 — Officer Murphy took a report of fraud in the 4700 block of North Glendale. A resident reported he was playing a computer game online and chatting with an unknown subject. The subject began making fun of the resident and his Internet disconnected. The resident said the subject hacked his computer and was affecting how his Internet was working.

Jan. 19 — Officer Mavia responded to an injury accident in the 3700 block of North Oliver. A driver was cited for failing to stop at a red traffic control signal. Two people were taken to the hospital with injuries.

Jan. 19 — Officer Steele responded to a report of a party in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff, where a vehicle was reportedly blocking a fire hydrant. Two drivers were cited for parking too close to a fire hydrant. The party did not appear boisterous, the officer reported.

Jan. 18 — Officer Moyer responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4400 block of Westlake. A resident reported seeing a subject who matched the description of a suspect involved in burglaries in the area. No one was found.

Jan. 18 — Officer Moyer stopped a vehicle in the 4700 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for failure to maintain a single lane of traffic and driving with a suspended license.

Jan. 18 — Officer Moyer responded to a noise complaint in the 4700 block of North Glendale

block of North Glendale. **Jan. 18** — Officer Mavia responded to a lost property report in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. A man's wal-

let and uniform were missing.

Jan. 18 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 5400 block of East Falcon. A woman was taken to the hospital with abdominal pains.

Jan. 18 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita police in the 3100 block of North Rock Road.

Jan. 17 — Officer Murphy responded to a report of fraud in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest. A resident said

he received a call from Peru, saying it was his nephew and he had been in an accident and needed money. The man asked for further identification and the caller hung up the phone.

Jan. 17 — Officer Murphy transported Daniel Palmer from the Sumner County Jail to the Sedgwick County Jail after he was arrested on a Bel Aire warrant.

Jan. 17 — Officer Steele discovered an open gate near Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North. There were no signs of suspicious activity.

Jan. 17 — Officer Wallender assisted Kechi police in the 100 block of East Kechi Road.

Jan. 16 — Officer Murphy took a found property report in the 5000 block of North Webb. A silver briefcase was reportedly seen on the side of the road. It turned out to be a gray and white box fan.

Jan. 16 — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a suicidal person in the 6700 block of East 45th North. The woman was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

Jan. 16 — Officer McCaslin responded to a miscellaneous report at the Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

Jan. 16 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for improper display of tag and defective tag lamp in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for improper display of tag and driving without having been licensed.

without having been licensed.

Jan. 15 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 4900 block of East 37th North. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Jan. 15 — Officer Foxx arrested Kenneth E. Mack Jr. on a Wichita warrant.

Jan. 14 — Lt. Griggs responded to an attempted suicide. A person was taken to the hospital after taking an overdose of prescription medication.

Jan. 14 — Lt. Griggs took a report in the 6000 block of East Clarendon. A man said his attorney refused to give him his Social Security check.

Jan. 14 — Officer Mavia assisted the sheriff's office with a burglary in the 4900 block of North 143rd East.

Jan. 14 — Officer Mavia took a report of larceny in the 5700 block of East Odessa. Two vehicles had been opened but nothing was missing.

Jan. 14 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4700 block of North Glendale. A woman was taken to the hospital after falling.

Jan. 13 — Officer Murphy assisted

EMS in the 5200 block of East Ashton Court. A woman was taken to the hospital.

Jan. 13 — Officer Murphy took a fraud report in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest. A woman's credit card had

been used at a Walmart in Des Moines, Iowa. Total loss was \$413. **Jan. 13** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4900 block of North Highland. A man was taken to the hospital

with diabetic problems. **Jan. 13** — Officer Wallender assisted EMS in the 4200 block of North Oliver. A woman was taken to the hospital with back pains.

Jan. 13 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East Flagstaff. A man was taken to the hospital after falling.

Jan. 12 — Officer McCaslin responded to a domestic violence call in the 5800 block of Danbury. It was a verbal disturbance between a husband and wife.

Jan. 12 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4800 block

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of North Oliver. The driver was cited for speeding and never having a license.

Jan. 12 — Officer Steele responded to a previous burglary from a vehicle in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor.

Jan. 12 — Officer Foxx responded to a larceny in the 5800 block of East Memphis. A resident saw two people run away from her unlocked vehicle. Nothing was missing.

Jan. 11 — Officer Mavia responded to a disturbance with a student at Isley Elementary in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The student reportedly assaulted two teachers. The student was apparently upset about an assignment in class and got physical with staff. The injuries were not serious. The student was released to a parent.

Jan. 11 — Officer McCaslin responded to a disturbance in the 6100 block of Danbury. It was a verbal argument between a mother and daughter.

Jan. 11 — Officer Steele discovered an open gate near Tree Top Nursery in the 6200 block of East 37th North. There were signs of suspicious activity.

Jan. 11 — Officer Foxx arrested Amee M. Wirths on Wichita warrants.

Jan. 11 — Officer Steele checked a vehicle reportedly stuck on railroad tracks in the 5300 block of North Greenwich. Officer arrested Kolby B. Hopkins on charges of DUI and inattentive driving.

Jan. 11 — Officer Foxx responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 6500 block of East Perryton. It was

a newspaper carrier.

Jan. 10 — Officer Murphy responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4100 block of North Oliver. A vehicle was seen stopping at each mailbox. Officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

Jan. 10 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 4400 block of North St. James. A man was taken to the hospital after having a seizure.

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Jan. 10 — Officer Foxx took a report of two trucks driving in a muddy field in the 7400 block of East 53rd North. Officers were unable to find the

vehicles.

Jan. 10 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita police on two subjects trying to steal scrap metal in the 3800 block of North Toben. **Jan. 9** — Officer Murphy observed

a vehicle with a broken window and glass on the ground in the 4800 block of East Willow Point Court. Several items were missing from the vehicle, including a wallet, driver's license guitar, iPod Touch and two WSU rowing team coats.

Jan. 9 — Officer Swanson re-

Jan. 9 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4800 block of North Harding. The reporting party said several people were going door to door trying to sell something. The sales people had city permits. **Jan. 9** — Officer Swanson re-

sponded to a disturbance in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow. A vehicle that had been towed was released to its owner.

Jan. 9 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of a missing vehicle tag in the 4500 block of North Dundee.

Jan. 9 — Officer Swanson responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 3800 block of North Cozy. Officer later found a gray pillowcase near railroad tracks in the 5600 block of Denise. The pillowcase contained several handguns, coins and jewelry, which were determined

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to have come from a burglary in the 3900 block of North Cozy.

Jan. 9 — Officer discovered a residence in the 3900 block of North Cozy had been burglarized. A block was thrown through a back glass door. The homeowner said about 32 firearms were missing. They were later recovered in a pillowcase in the 5600 block

of Denise.

Jan. 9 — Officer McCaslin took a report of a burglary in the 6100 block of Quail Ridge Court. A firearm and other items were missing. They were later found behind a residence in the 3900 block of North Cozy.

Jan. 8 — Lt. Griggs stopped a vehicle with expired tag in the 3800 block of North Parkwood. The driver was cited for no driver's license in possession and expired tag.

Jan. 8 — Officer Swanson took a report of larceny in the 4700 block of North Krueger. A man reported receiving a call from someone asking him for money, saying he won \$2.5 million in a sweepstakes, but needed \$500 to secure the transaction. The man's bank advised him not to give any money or information and to call police.

information and to call police. **Jan. 8** — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 5700 block of East Hanover. A woman was taken to the hospital with possible broken ribs after falling.

Jan. 7 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 6100 block of East Danbury. It was a gas company employee reading meters. **Jan. 7** — Officer Steele discovered

an open gate near Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North. There no signs of suspicious activity.

Jan. 7 — Officer Steele responded

to a vehicle pursuit involving Park City police.

Jan. 6 — Officer Wallender responded to a dog bite in the 5900 block of Eart Konguya. A dashchund

block of East Kenawee. A dachshund reportedly bit a boxer. The dog owners exchanged contact information.

Jan. 6 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4400 block of North

Edgemoor. A woman was taken to the hospital after having a possible stroke.

Jan. 6 — Officer Steele discovered an open gate near Tree Top Nursery in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

There were no signs of suspicious ac-

Jan. 5 — Officer McCaslin responded to a report of a suspicious character in the 6600 block of East Summerside. A resident reported hearing voices outside of her home. Officer did not find anyone in the area.

Jan. 5 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 4500 block of Glendale. A woman was taken to the hospital with abdominal pains. **Jan. 5** — Officer Foxx responded

to a domestic disturbance in the 4300 block of Country Lane. Justin Alan Vanley was arrested on a charge of domestic battery and two Wichita warrants.

Jan. 4 — Officer Mavia responded

to an alarm in the 4200 block of North Auburn. It was a false alarm. **Jan. 4** — Officer McCaslin checked

Jan. 4 — Officer McCaslin checked the report of two juveniles playing on the frozen pond in Eagle Lake Park.

Public notice

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On May 27, 2005, K202BP was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest as a public trustee until June 1, 2013. Our license will expire on June 1, 2013. We have filed an application for license renewal with the FCC. A copy of this application is available for public inspection during our regular business hours. It contains information concerning this station's performance during the last eight years. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the Commission by May 1, 2013. Further information concerning the Commission's broadcast license renewal process is available at 121 S Main St, Smith Center, KS 66967 or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Officer advised the boys to stay off the ice.

Jan. 4 — Officer Mavia responded to a non-injury accident in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. A driver was cited for inattentive driving. The other driver was checked at the scene for dizziness. She was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

Jan. 4 — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi police on a traffic stop in the 6400 block of North Oliver.

Jan. 2 — Lt. Griggs checked three subjects on the ice at Eagle Lake Park. Three juveniles were counseled about the dangers of being on thin ice.

Jan. 2 — Officer Swanson checked several juveniles playing on the frozen lake in Eagle Lake Park. Seven juveniles were counseled about the dangers of being on thin ice.

Jan. 2 — Officer Swanson responded to a non-injury two-vehicle wreck in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.
 Jan. 2 — Officer McCaslin re-

sponded to a report of children walk-

ing on the frozen pond in Eagle Lake Park. Officer did not find anyone in the area. **Jan. 2** — Officer McCaslin took Chevy R. Rooker into custody from Bel Aire Municipal Court on an 11-month

commitment order. He was taken to the Sedgwick County Jail.

Jan. 2 — Officer McCaslin took a report of a missing adult from the 5800 report of Panhure. The weepsar's name

block of Danbury. The woman's name and vehicle ID were put into NCIC. **Dec. 31** — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm on a business in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

An employee accidentally set off the alarm. **Dec. 31** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 5400 block of East Ashton. No one was transported.

Dec. 31 — Officer Swanson responded to a non-injury two-vehicle wreck in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn. A driver was cited after his vehicle struck the rear of another vehicle. **Dec. 31** — Officer Steele respond-

ed to a fireworks complaint in the 5600 block of East 41st North. Officer did not see anyone discharge fireworks.

Dec. 30 — Officer Hutton responding

ed to a report of suspicious activity in the 4400 block of North Auburn. A resident said he found a recycling bin in his driveway and saw a female walking south on Auburn. He felt someone in the neighborhood had been trying to mess with residents and wanted officers to be aware of it.

Dec. 30 — Officer Swanson re-

sponded to a report of a suspicious character in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake. A resident said three teenagers had been throwing rocks into the lake. Officer was unable to locate the teenagers.

Dec. 30 — Officer Steele responded to a report of a suspicious character.

ed to a report of a suspicious character in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court.

Dec. 29 — Officer Murphy responded to a vehicle burglary in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A 2011 Ford Ranger was reported stolen. The vehicle was recovered in Andover. It wasn't stolen.

Dec. 29 — Officer Murphy responded to a report of missing property from a residence in the 3800 block of North Oliver. The resident said she suspected her ex-boyfriend took the items.

Dec. 29 — Officer Murphy responded to check the welfare of a female subject walking north on Oliver at 45th North. The reporting party said the woman was not dressed appropriately for the cold weather. Officer was unable to locate the woman.

Dec. 29 — Officer Murphy responded to an injury accident at 37th North and Oliver. A driver was taken to the hospital with minor injuries.
 Dec. 29 — Officer Mavia respond-

ed to check the welfare of people in the 4200 block of North Westlake. The reporting party said he saw young children on the ice on Eagle Lake pond. Officer was unable to contact the individuals.

Dec. 29 — Officer McCaslin took a

report of a missing vehicle in the 5600 block of East 39th North. A woman reported her boyfriend had not returned from out of town with her vehicle.

Dec. 28 — Officer Murphy re-

sponded to a burglary in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake. Taken from the vehicle were a necklace, mp3 player, U.S. coins in a Crown Royal bag and two bottles of cologne.

Dec. 28 — Officer Murphy responded to a report of a burglary in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake. A woman's purse that was inside a vehicle had been gone through, but nothing was taken.

sponded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 6000 block of East Flagstaff. The vehicle left when the resident approached the driver. A neighbor later said the driver was a visitor who didn't know the right address. There was no evidence of criminal activity.

Dec. 28 — Officer McCaslin re-

Dec. 28 — Officer Murphy re-

wreck at 45th North and Woodlawn. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Dec. 28 — Officer Mavia assisted EMS in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. A man was taken to the

sponded to a non-injury two-vehicle

hospital for difficulty breathing. **Dec. 28** — Officer Steele responded to a burglary in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

Dec. 27 — Officer Foxx responded to a hold-up alarm in the 6500 block of East Rodeo. It was a false alarm. **Dec. 27** — Officer Steele stopped

a vehicle for speeding in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding, driving with a suspended license and missing left mirror.

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Court directs state to increase school funding

By The Breeze staff

The State of Kansas has fallen short of adequately funding education. In a nutshell, that is what a Kansas Court found in January when representation from school districts across the state, including USD 259, supported legal action against the state for not meeting its requirement for per-student spending.

"The last time this hap-

pened, the Legislature eventually responded by dramatically increasing base state aid per pupil and satisfying the Supreme Court's order to fund a suitable education for Kansas students," the Kansas National

Education Association said in a news release on the court ruling.

The economic downturn caused state leaders to scale back the increases, eventually moving to a mark below what was allocated in a previous decision in 2005.

In its January ruling, the court directed the Legislature to honor the base state aid per pupil spending level of \$4,492. Leading up to the court

decision, there had been trations with school districts trying to stay adequately staffed with uncertainty over whether or not they'd have enough state funding to meet their needs.

Caban

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based apartment community on the Caban Marketplace property. The proposed apartment community would consist of 150 to 200 residential units to be financed through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In August, the Bel Aire City Council approved a resolution of support for the

residential development. More residential construction is expected to pick up with the inclusion of Bel Aire's new schools.

To put the cherry on top of the downtown district, Blitz said there are plans for about 400 acres within the development to be dedicated to two large sports complexes. In January, the Kansas Sports Academy announced plans to build a 220,000 squarefoot modern sports complex on the Caban Marketplace

property.

In a press release, developers say the facility will be utilized to host volleyball and basketball tournaments, leagues, clinics and personal skill development.

The release said the facility "will provide the best opportunities in coaching and training in the Midwest and will enable efforts to reach out to athletes who wish to experience national exposure in the pursuit of scholarships and/or athletic dreams."

The sports complex is to include 17 full-sized, woodfloor basketball courts, 25 volleyball courts, eight tennis courts and three outdoor sand volleyball courts, along with weight-training facilities, a multi purpose room for public and private events, conference and meeting rooms, an arcade, a pro shop and a gift shop and a full-

The news release said the Kansas Sports Academy plans to break ground on the

service concessions area.

complex "later this year." Blitz said the plans for the STAR bond district were driven by retail interest.

Tenants are what drove the bigger district," he said.

Although the Kansas Sports Academy is the only tenant publicly committed to build in Caban Marketplace, Blitz said he's received letters of intent from a few potential tenants that are spending money on architec-

Blitz can't say for sure that

all that is planned for Caban Marketplace will come to fruition or give a timetable on when construction will start, but he did say development is on the way and it will be something that will fit well with the community's longterm outlook.

"I'm sure the people of Bel Aire want the best," he said.

For more information on the plans for Caban Marketplace, contact Blitz at 882-6705 or by e-mail at scdc@cox.net.

Election

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re-election. Council member Peggy O'Donnell has filed to retain her council seat she's occupied since 2005.

She said she wants to stay

on the council, in part, to see through several development plans that have started while she's served the city.

Challengers include Bel Aire Tree Board chairman Guy MacDonald, Carolyn Smith, Jeanette Clement, Shelly Smith, Ramona Becker, retired Bel Aire Utility Clerk Betty Martine and Andrew Uhlschmidt.

In April, one of the candidates will replace Breault. Another will replace Austin. Yet another will fill in to complete the unfinished term limit of Moe Terrebonne.

Terrebonne stepped down from the council in November when he announced plans to move to Florida in retire-

Bel Aire City Clerk Vicky Bradford said the candidate who receives the fourthhighest number of votes in

the April 2 election, will fill in to finish Terrebonne's term that expires in 2015. The top three vote getters will earn full, four-year terms.

Ken Lee is the only council member guaranteed to retain his seat in April when the council will welcome at

least three new members. Lee was appointed to the council in September to fill the seat vacated by Dave Sly. Last fall, Sly's career as a Boeing engineer moved him and his family from Bel Aire to Oklahoma City.

Concierge

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roadblocks, most recently at the Jan. 8 council meeting. The council said it sent

developers and property owners a letter of intent detailing what the city required from the project before moving forward with financing, but the city never received a response. Developers said

they never received the let-

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said the council needed more information before it approved the issuance of the industrial revenue bonds.

Christian ministry, which

college at Johnson County

Wheeler was part of the

Community College and

Kansas State University.

Johnson County pitching

staff before a torn rotator

cuff ended his playing ca-

career at K-State.

in Bel Aire.

reer. He finished his college

After college, Wheeler

coached baseball at the small

college level, on the staffs

for Evangel University, the

the husband and soon-to-be

father works as a business

analyst in Wichita and lives

University of Ottawa and

Hesston College. Today,

Namely, the council needed assurance from the property owners that the city would be reimbursed for \$1.2 million in infrastructure improvements. The reimbursement is to come in the form of

special assessments. With the matter resolved on Jan. 15, Lasher said developers have the green light to start construction on the surgical recovery center.

He said engineering is

currently under way for the extension of a road to access the facility off Webb Road. He said construction on the surgical recovery center is

Team

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He's changed the name from the Wichita Wheat Kings to the Wichita Aviators, tapping into an identity with Wichita and its aircraft manufacturing industry. Last summer, the Wheat Kings started strong and were in contention for a league championship until a late-season, 11-game losing streak took them out of contention.

Wheeler said his goal is to build off of what the team was able to accomplish prior to the late-summer slide.

"I think what the league felt like was, this is a team to be reckoned with," Wheeler

To maintain the success for an entire summer and realize a team goal to qualify for the National Baseball Congress World Series in Wichita, Wheeler said he would recruit talent from beyond the local level to join the Aviators.

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of our organization and be a contender, I felt it was vital for us to recruit on the national level," Wheeler said.

The majority of the roster expected to suit up for the Aviators this summer consists of high-caliber NCAA Division II players. There are also about five NCAA Division I players expected to play, Wheeler said.

Mixed with some local talent, the roster will include players from California and the southeastern United States. With the first pitch of the summer less than five months away, Wheeler is seeking host families to provide a place to stay for his players from outside the Wichita area. The Aviators owner said his 28-man roster would be comprised of players with solid morals and character.

said he has a passion for

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In combining his passions, Wheeler said he wants the he became involved with in Aviators to have a Christian identity.

Players don't have to be Christians, but they should understand that they have to have the right character to compete with maturity and perseverance, Wheeler said.

The Aviators will play their home games at Maize High School this summer. If interested in hosting an Aviators player, call Wheeler at (785) 317-5747 or reach him by e-mail at wichitaav

iatorsbaseball@gmail.com. A host family interest form and more information on the new team is available on the Aviators' website, www. wichitaaviators.com.

'We want to make sure our host families are the right fit for our players and vice versa," Wheeler said.

Wheeler is taking over the summer league team a year after serving as the general manager for the Wheat Kings. Last summer, the team showed flashes of being a contender. Now it's time to

take the next step, Wheeler

likely to start this spring.

As the Aviators owner, Wheeler said his plan is to build off last year's successes and establish a team full of high-character athletes that routinely competes in the NBC World Series.







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Matt Heilman

Joined by her family in the school's auditorium Jan. 23, Sunrise Christian Academy senior soccer player Monica Lewis signs a letter of intent to play for **Hutchinson Community College next year.**

Sunrise senior signs to play soccer at Hutchinson

By Matt Heilman

Sunrise Christian Academy senior soccer player Monica Lewis won't hang up the cleats when she graduates high school this spring. On Jan. 23, Lewis signed her letter of intent to play for at least two more years at Hutchinson Community College. Hutch, a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association, has become a force in the Jayhawk Conference and on the national stage.

When she gets to Hutchinson, Lewis, a forward, said she'd have a chance to see a lot of playing time early for a Blue Dragon team that graduated a couple key sophomores from last season's club that saw its season end in the NJ-CAA Regional finals.

Lewis said she was drawn to the school after she had a chance to visit the campus, scrimmage with some players on the Blue Dragon roster and meet Hutchinson Community College women's soccer head coach, Sammy Lane.

"She really enjoyed the

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environment and the girls there," Lewis' mother, Katia Dort said.

Sunrise soccer coach Eddie Blackmon said Lewis has a good vision of the ball and

The forward has led the Buffaloes in scoring over the last couple seasons.

"She knows how to play the game," Blackmon said.

He said he was proud to see Lewis rewarded with a chance to play at the next level after she decided to stay at Sunrise through her high school career.

"My biggest thing with Monica is that she stuck with us," Blackmon said. "Some other kids go other places, thinking they're gonna get big-time looks, but she stuck it out here. I'm grateful for

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Burmese refugees settling in

By The Breeze staff

Christ Lutheran's sponsorship of several Burmese refugees continues to go well.

In August, the church welcomed its first family to Wichita Saw Moe and Naw Shar. Naw Shar was eight months pregnant at the time and gave birth to baby Joseph about a month later.

Volunteers from the church have formed deep relationships with this young family, showering them with love and gifts, and providing for them a new family. They continue to visit Saw Moe, Naw Shar and Joseph on a weekly basis, helping in any way they can — offering rides to the store, helping apply for jobs, practicing driving, familiarizing them with Wichita, offering parenting advice.

Park City Pride has also been involved by attending a baby shower and helping provide many of their initial necessities.

Saw Moe, Naw Shar and Joseph spent Christmas Day at Pastor Chad Langdon's house, and they were excited to receive Christmas presents from the church, including a new laptop

Transitions toward autonomy are starting to happen for the family. They have learned some essential skills, such as setting up a bank account, conversing in English, paying bills, and using the Internet. Saw Moe has earned his driver's license.



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Saw Moe and Naw Shar with their son, Joseph, are supported by Christ Lutheran Church volunteers.

Christ Lutheran continues to pray for a job for Saw Moe. When they are accepted as immigrants, they are given six months by the government to find a job and become autonomous. They arrived Aug. 3, so the clock is ticking, not just for this church's family, but for all the refugee families who have come from Burma recently.

There are now nine Burmese families that have been resettled to Wichita through Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministries (EWARM). They are a strong support for one another, but Saw Moe has emerged as a

clear leader among them. Everyone who has contact with the refugees agrees that the volunteers have received far more than the refugees. On Jan. 6, as a way to say thank-you, the refugee family cooked an entire Burmese meal for all the members of Christ Lutheran Church. On Jan. 13,

the volunteers were invited to

celebrate the Karen New Year

(Karen is their ethnic culture) with all of the other sponsoring organizations. The hospitality that the refugees show is at times overwhelming. They are always ready with a glass of juice or tea, and a plate of grapes or apples to share with their visitors.

Not every refugee family from Burma has been able to be matched up with a sponsoring church or organization. When members of Christ Lutheran heard about this, they stepped up to sponsor another family. Their new family is Kyaw Kyaw (husband), Naw Ling (wife), and their 2 year-old daughter, Cindy.

To learn more about the plight of these refugees and the conditions that forced them to flee, you can visit the website www.freeburmangers.org. To support these families (there are more on their way), you can visit EWARM's website at www.ewarm.org.

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